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CHAIRMAN HOLLOWAY, SUPERVISOR COGGS PROPOSE FOUR FURLOUGH DAYS FOR 2009

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Board Chairman Lee Holloway and Supervisor Elizabeth M. Coggs, Chairwoman of the County Board's Finance & Audit Committee, are sponsoring a resolution that would implement a mandatory furlough program to address the projected 2009 deficit.

"Rather than impose reduced daily work hours proposed by the County Executive, we believe that a modified furlough plan calling for four days of unpaid leave will achieve the desired fiscal results while minimizing disruption to members of the public and County employees," Chairman Holloway said. "These furlough days will result in an estimated net savings of \$1.6 million."

The four 2009 furlough days outlined in the resolution are spread across four pay periods to reduce the wage impact on employees:

- Friday, November 13, 2009
- Wednesday, November 25, 2009
- Friday, December 4, 2009
- Thursday December 24, 2009

"We are also encouraging full day closures of as many County offices as possible on these days," Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs said. "By closing offices on four business days, we will see energy savings on top of the savings on personnel costs."

The Finance & Audit Committee will consider the resolution Friday morning, and could send it to the full County Board next Wednesday. "Milwaukee County faces serious fiscal challenges for this year and future years. We all must work together to address these challenges," Chairman Holloway added.

The proposed furlough days would not apply to deputy sheriffs, correctional officers, health care personnel in 24/7 operations, employees at General Mitchell International Airport and employees who participate in the Voluntary Time Off (VTO) without pay program (provided that those employees attain at least 32 hours of VTO by December 26, 2009).

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